

**OPERATIONAL PLANNING TRACK ACCESS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25-Nov-21**

Microsoft Teams Meeting - All holders of Track Access Contracts were invited to attend.

Present:

Mark Walker	Arriva Railway	Andriana Shiakallis	Network Rail
Sue Rhymes	Avanti West Coast	Chris Meadows	Network Rail
Suad Chowdhury	c2c Rail	Chris Rowley	[Chair] Network Rail
Andrew Danson	Cross Country	Chris Curtis	Network Rail
Nigel Oatway	DB Cargo	Ifigeneia Koulouri	Network Rail
Lanita Masi	East Midlands Trains	Katherine McManus	Network Rail
Darren Gay	Govia Thameslink Railway	John Thurgood	Network Rail
Chris Hanks	Grand Central Railway	Mike Pybus	Network Rail
Rob Holder	Great Western	Richard Wall	Network Rail
Chris Matthews	Great Western	Andy Wylie	Access Disputes Committee
John Czyrko	Great Western	Gareth Clancy	[Observer] Office of Rail and Road
Jonathan James	MTREL		
John Alexander	Nexus		
Nicola Eyre	Northern Railway		
Neil A. Sutton	ScotRail		
David Rourke	South Western Railway		
Susan Ellis	Southeastern		
Russell Parish	Transport for London		
Chris Dellard	Transport for Wales Rail		
Navdeep Brahmabhatt	West Midlands Trains		

Min No.	Agenda Item	Action / Comment	Action Owner
OPTAG/0003	Introduction / check on Actions from last session	- The updated ToRs document was circulated prior to this meeting. There were no additional comments during the meeting. - All are welcome to contact OPTAG@networkrail.co.uk with any further comments on the Terms of Reference (ToRs).	
OPTAG/0004	Discussion on Unused Access Rights	- Discussion on the previously circulated Network Rail letter regarding the approach on Unused Access Rights during the pandemic recovery and the ORR Regulatory statement. Concerns were raised about timeliness of decision making and the overall impact on May 2022. - Gareth Clancy (ORR) will discuss CP7 planning and Schedules 4 and 8 at the next OPTAG meeting. - Chris Rowley will lead a discussion on NR's updated position regarding Unused Access Rights, in light of the DfT business planning process, at the next OPTAG meeting,	Gareth Clancy Chris Rowley
OPTAG/0005	Briefing on ITPR progress	- ITPR briefing with the purpose that OPTAG is sighted on current status and request SME input for the next phase of work. - SME volunteers for ITPR Phase 2 can contact Chris Rowley and Katherine McManus to express interest.	All
OPTAG/0006	Agenda for the next meeting	Next OPTAG meeting will cover the following areas: (i) Update of the NR position on Unused Access Rights, and (ii) ORR briefing on CP7 planning.	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 19th January 2022.**

Please contact OPTAG@networkrail.co.uk if you haven't received an invitation.